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INFO AMEMBASSY SEOUL

AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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SUBJ: JAPANESE SPECUALTION ON POSSIBLE DPRK BID FOR ECAFE
STATUS

1. ROK COUNSELLOR HAM CALLED ON AMB. ZAGORIN AND MISOFF
MARCH 20 TO TELL OF JAPANESE EMBASSY- SEOUL SPECULATION THAT
DPRK MIGHT SEEK ECAFE RECOMMENDATION FOR MEMBERSHIP AT ITS
APRIL MEETING IN TOKYO. HAM SAID ROK DOES NOT PLAN TO TRY
CHECK THIS RUMOR FOR FEAR IT MIGHT LEAK TO DPRK AND STIMULATE
ACTION ITS PART WORK FOR ECAFE RECOMMENDATION.

2. ZAGORIN AND HAM AGREED THAT MAJORITY OF PRESENT ECAFE
MEMBERSHIP WOULD PROBABLY OPPOSE INITIATIVE BEHALF DPRK.
ECAFE IN ANY CASE CAN ONLY RECOMMEND AND ECOSOC ACTION
NECESSARY BEFORE DPRK CAN JOIN ECAFE. ACCORDING TO HAM
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PRESENT ECOSOC MEMBERSHIP MIGHT SUPPORT EFFORT ON BEHALF
DPRK (PRELIMINARY ROK VOTE ESTIMATE WOULD BE 13 IN FAVOR,

11 /US/ AGAINST WITH 3 ABSTENTIONS). HAM AGREED THAT THIS
VOTE ESTIMATE HIGHLY TENTATIVE.

3. ZAGORIN AND HAM AGREED THAT NEITHER SIDE AT THIS
TIME WOULD TRY GET INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE ACTION BEHALF
OF DPRK. AS HEAD OF US. DELEGATION TO ECAFE ZAGORIN
WILL DISCRETELY CHECK OUT JAPANESE SPECULATION IN TOKYO.
NECESSARY ACTION AGAINST ANY DPRK INITIATIVE CAN BE
HANDLED IN TOKYO.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO ADDRESSEES MAY HAVE, WITHOUT
RAISING WITH OTHERS, ON POSSIBLE DPRK ECAFE INITIATIVE.
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